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FOLLOWING REPEAT DAKAR 2059 SENT ACTION SECSTATE NIAMEY
INFO ABIDJAN NOUAKCHOTT DATED APRIL 18.

QUOTE

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SUBJ: TEXACO EXPLORATION OPERATIONS IN NIGER

REF: A) NIAMEY 1094 B) NIAMEY 1077 C) STATE 076185

SUMMARY: J RUSH MCMURRY, CHIEF OF TEXACO'S REGIONAL
EXPLORATION OFFICE IN DAKAR, HAS RETURNED TO NEW YORK
FOR CONSULTATIONS ON SITUATION IN NIGER FOLLOWING
COUP D'ETAT WHICH OUSTED DIORI. HE WILL APPRECIATE ANY
GUIDANCE DEPT CAN PROVIDE SINCE OUR INFO SKETCHY DUE
LIMTEL. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING CALL ON AMBASSADOR APRIL 17, MCMURRY
EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN ABOUT FUTURE TEXACO EXPLORATION
OPERATIONS IN NIGER. AFTER BRIEFING WHICH DREW ON
REFTELS, MCMURRY SAID TEXACO HAD NUMEROUS DECISIONS
TO MAKE AND WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER FURTHER GUIDANCE
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EMBASSY AND DEPT COULD PROVIDE. HE WOULD BE IN NEW

YORK FOR APPROXIMATELY WEEK BEGINNING APRIL 18, AND
COMPANY WOULD PROBABLY CONTACT AF THROUGH NORMAL
LIAISON IF CONVERSATIONS NOT ALREADY UNDERWAY.

2. FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION, OF COURSE, IS WHETHER NEW
REGIME WILL AUTOMATICALLY ACCEPT OR ASK TO REVIEW AND
RENEGOTIATE ACCORDS FOR EXPLORATION PERMITS GRANTED BY
DIOIRI GOVERNMENT. TEXACO ALSO INTERESTED TO KNOW FATE
OF MINISTER OF MINES KAKA, AND WHERE UN DEPUTY SYG
DAJERINAKOYE STANDS WITH COUP LEADERS.

3. TEXACO DAKAR IN TELEX LIAISON WITH TEXACO NIAMEY,
BUT MESSAGES ARE CONDITIONED BY AWARENESS OF CONSTANT
MONITORING. AMONG DECISIONS FACING COMPANY IS WHEN TO
GO AHEAD WITH C 130 FLIGHTS FROM NOUDIBOU AND WHETHER
TO HALT OVERLAND SHIPMENTS FROM ABIDJAN, MANY OF WHICH
ARE ALREADY EN ROUTE TO NIGER.
AGGREY UNQUOTE RUSH

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